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SUBJECT: CHINESE PRESS REPORTS BUMPER SUMMER HARVEST

1. HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO OF JULY 1, QUOTING NCNA OF JUNE 29, REPORTED

THAT THIS YEAR'S SUMMER HARVEST IS "ANOTHER BUMPER HARVEST" WITH
UNIVERSAL PRODUCTION INCREASES ACHIEVED IN THE VARIOUS GROWING AREAS
OF

THE COUNTRY. THE ARTICLE (WHICH WAS TO APPEAR IN JUNE 30 PEOPLE'S
DAILY) URGED THAT THE BUMPER SUMMER HARVEST BE USED AS A MOTIVATING
FORCE IN OBTAINING A BUMPER AUTUMN HARVEST AS WELL.

2. COMMENT: BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO AGRICULTURAL OFFICE AT

THIS TIME, INCLUDING JUST-COMPLETED ASSESSMENT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS
PREVAILING DURING CRITICAL MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, NCNA CLAIM APPEARS

TO BE IN LINE WITH OUR ASSESSMENT. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT AN IMPORTANT
FACTOR IN ACHIEVING "BUMPER SUMMER HARVEST" THIS YEAR IS ENLARGEMENT
OF
AREA SOWN TO WINTER CROPS (FOR SUMMER HARVEST).

3. WINTER GRAIN CROPS, COMPRISING PRIMARILY WHEAT BUT ALSO BARLEY,
FIELD PEAS, AND BROADBEANS, ACCOUNT FOR ROUGHLY ONE-FOURTH OF
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CHINA'S TOTAL ANNUAL GRAIN HARVEST. (RAPE, ALSO AN IMPORTANT

WINTER CROP, IS NOT CONSIDERED AS A "GRAIN" CROP.)
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